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Office Action Summary

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09/894,113

Applicant(s)

ZHANG ET AL.

Examiner

Gims S Philippe

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

This is a first office action in response to application no. 09/894,113 filed on June 27, 2001 in which claims 1-43 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-20, and 23-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shen et al. (US Patent no. 6,377,627).

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Regarding claims 1, 11, 24, and 34, Shen discloses an apparatus and method for performing an inverse transform on a block of transform coefficients, the block having rows and columns (See Shen col. 3, lines 36-38), the method comprising identifying zero patterns in the block of transform coefficients to derive zero pattern information (See Shen col. 4, lines 50-54); and performing one-dimensional inverse transforms on a subset of the total number of rows and columns in the block of transform coefficients by using zero pattern information (See Shen col. 4, lines 8-20, and lines 50-55).

As per claims 2, 8, 10, 12, 18, 20, 23, 25, 31, 33, 35, 41, 43, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claims 1, 11, 24, and 34. In addition, Shen further discloses the block of transform coefficients being an MPEG encoded block of 8x8 discrete cosine transform (DCT) coefficients (See Shen col. 4, lines 26-34), and wherein the transcoding and the decoding are performed on MPEG bitstreams (See Chen col. 3, lines 66-67, and col. 4, lines 1-2).

As per claims 3-7, 9, 13-17, 19, 26-30, 32, 36-40, and 42, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claims 1, 11, 24, and 34. In addition, Shen further discloses performing one-dimensional inverse transforms comprises performing one-dimensional transforms on a subset of the total number of columns in the block of transform coefficients (See Shen col. 3, lines 36-46), on all the rows in the block (See col. col. 3, lines 36-46, and col. 4, lines 26-45), and wherein the

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transforming is performed during decoding (See Shen col.3, lines 66-67, col. 4, lines 1-2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (US Patent no. 6,377,627) in view of Lee (US Patent no. 6,763,070).

As per claims 21 and 22, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claim 11.

It is noted that Chen is silent about a memory associated with a cable modem headend line card, and wherein the processor is configured to rescale data to meet bandwidth constraints.

Lee discloses an apparatus and method for performing one-dimensional inverse transforms wherein a memory associated with a cable modem headend line card (See Lee col. 14, lines 29-38), and wherein the processor is configured to rescale data to meet bandwidth constraints (See Lee col. 4, lines 25-40).

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Therefore, it is considered obvious that one skilled in the art at the time of the invention would recognize the advantage of modifying Chen's transform operation by providing Lee's cable modem headend line card, and Lee's configuration to rescale data. The motivation for performing such modifications in Chen is not only to implement a stand-alone system, but also to be able to use different networks having different bandwidth constraints as taught by Lee.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Jojic et al. (US Patent no. 6,701,016) teaches method of learning deformation models to facilitate pattern matching.

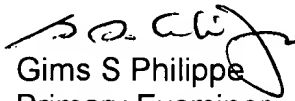
Murdock et al. (US Patent no. 6,119,133) teaches macroblock bit regulation schemes for video encoder.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gims S Philippe whose telephone number is (703) 305-1107. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-7:00) Second Monday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris S Kelley can be reached on (703) 305-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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